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PRODUCES BEST COAL FOR COKE PRODUCTION -- Belgrade, Politika, 24 Feb 51

Experts believe that the Kakanj coal basin, which contains 250-270 million tons of coal reserves, has the best coal in Yugoslavia for the production of coke. A new opening has been cut in the "Stara Jama" shaft in the Kakanj basin. A conveyer is being installed there, which should increase production greatly. In addition to the "Stara Jama" shaft, the "Bosna," the "Roscevina," the "Ribnica" [Rica?], and the "Trstionica-Seoce" shafts will be opened eventually.

A separator, which will operate on heavy liquids instead of water and which will be the first of its kind in Yugoslavia, will be built in the Trstionica River Valley near Kakanj.

SHAFT TO BEGIN OPERATION -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 24 Mar 51

In April 1951 a new shaft will begin operation at the Velenje coal mine. The new shaft is almost 7 meters wide and 375 meters deep, with a 45-meter coal conveyer tower and with its own 250-ton engine. Soon a separator and loading station will be built next to the shaft.

The elevator of the new shaft will be able to hoist four coal cars every 2 minutes from one part of the shaft. The coal from the rest of the shaft will be transported in skips. By means of these skips, 7 tons of coal will be hoisted from the shaft at one time.

Because of the new shaft, the coal mine at Velenje is scheduled to produce more coal by the end of 1951 than the coal mine at Trbovlje. It is estimated that the coal reserves at Velenje amount to over 500 million tons.

PRODUCES GAS FROM DOMESTIC COAL -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 30 Dec 50

By mixing various types of domestic coal, the Ljubljana Gasworks has succeeded in developing a coal base suitable for the production of gas. The new process results in the conservation of 50,000 tons of black coal per year, which formerly had to be imported from Poland at a cost of 60 million dinars. The new coal mixture, however, generates excessive hydrogen which must be removed.

MORF COAL DEPOSITS DISCOVERED -- Zagreb, Vjesnik, 26 Feb 51

Prospecting for coal is continuing in the Dilj Mountain area for a distance of 40 kilometers between Brodski Stupnik and Sibenj, which are near Slavonski Brod, and Nova Gradiska. To date, 4 million tons of 2,000- to 3,000-calorie lignite has been found there. These deposits are 4-5 meters thick in some places. Recent drilling between Sibenj and Brodski Stupnik revealed lignite deposits 16 meters thick.

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